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1. TOTALLY ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE, ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER ENRIQUE VALDES ASSURED ME CATEGORICALLY JUNE 22 THAT THE GOC WILL NOT TAKE ANY LEGAL ACTION AGAINST MARIANA CALLEJAS TOWNLEY FOR ALLEGEDLY DEFAMATORY STATEMENTS MADE IN A BBC INTERVIEW. A POSSIBLE SUIT AGAINST CALLEJAS WAS A NEWS-PAPER TOPIC HERE JUNE 20-21. THERE HAS BEEN FOR FURTHER PRESS SPECULATION.

2. WE HAD PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED THIS AND OTHER QUESTIONS IN REFTEL WITH ETCHEBERRY. HE DEFINITELY RULES OUT HIS ACTING AS CALLEJAS' LAWYER AND, FURTHER IS RELUCTANT TO SEE HER. BASICALLY HE DOES NOT TRUST HER, A FEELING WHICH I SHARE. HOWEVER HE WOULD SEE HER IF WE THOUGHT IT ESSENTIAL AND, IF NECESSARY, HE COULD RECOMMEND LAWYERS. HOWEVER VALDES' STATEMENT TO ME JUNE 22 ELIMINATES
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THE NEED FOR ANY FURTHER ACTION.

3. ETCHEBERRY HAS MADE PERSONAL PLANS TO TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES JULY 6, RETURNING JULY 19. HE WILL BE TAKING HIS WIFE AND TWO YOUNGEST DAUGHTERS AND THEY WILL SPEND MOST OF THE TIME IN FLORIDA AND NEW YORK. AS NECESSARY HE CAN INTERRUPT PRESENT SCHEDULE TO GO TO WASHINGTON.

WE NEED TO LET HIM KNOW AS SOON AS YOU HAVE A FIRM DATE OR
DATES IN MIND.

4. I GAVE TO ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER VALDES JUNE 22 (FOR
TRANSMITTAL TO GENERAL OROZCO) THE REPORT ON THE INTERVIEW
WITH GENERAL WALTERS.
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